

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Labor Day '96, 3-6 September
- Columbus Day '72, 8-10 October
- Veterans' Day '96, 10-13 November
- Thanksgiving '96, 24-27 November

## A Note from the Commanding Officer

# WELCOME CSSG-15 FAMILY!

Dear Marines, Sailors, Family Members and Friends,

As this is our first newsletter as a Combat Logistics Regiment, let me say, "Welcome to the Combat Service Support Group 15 family." The Marines and Sailors of CSSG 15 are only one half of the Family. Each of you- whether you

been around the military most of my life. In fact, I made my first change of duty move at the age of three months. My wife, Cricket, and I have been married for 12 years and have three girls (11, 10, and 7). It is our intent to make "your" tour with CSSG 15 a memorable one- in the positive sense.

Some of you may be aware that 1st Force Service Support Group (1st FSSG) has undergone a reorganization in order to better support the I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF). As a result of this reorganization, CSSG 15 has been formally established as a combat logistics regiment responsible for providing supply, maintenance, and health service support to I MEF. Our units at MCAS Miramar and MCAS Yuma provide tactical level combat service support to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing units. In addition to myself, we have two other new Commanders within the regiment: Lieutenant Colonel Joe Granata at 1st Maintenance Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Todd Lloyd at 1st Supply Battalion. Commander Paul Desimone remains the Commanding Officer at 1st Medical Battalion and Major Chuck Sides and Captain Gabe Perez command the units at Yuma and Miramar respectively. I have asked each of these commanders to provide a short introduction in the following pages.

I realize that by now, school is out for the summer and families are making vacation plans. That said, this will be our final newsletter until early September. We will resume our efforts at that time in order to prepare our families for the coming year. While it is still too early to tell what the year 2006 will bring for your

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Marie Clemenson, Marcia Tate & Mrs. Biggs from Military Outreach Ministries volunteering at the Kids' Fair, held at the Main Exchange on April 30.

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are a spouse, child, fiancé, significant other, or mom and dad- comprise the other half of the Family.

My name is Colonel Chuck Hudson and I am very fortunate to serve as the Commanding Officer of CSSG 15. I want to say up front, this is not my unit; CSSG 15 is our unit. We, as a family, will make or break the success of the unit and will determine whether this is a unit that we will depart with fond memories. Having recently assumed command of CSSG 15, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a Marine for over 24 years. I grew up in a military family, so I have

## FYI

- The **CSSG-15 Key Volunteer Network Website** accessed through the following website address: <http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/msc/1fssg/KVN/deployed/cssg15deployed.html>.
- The **1<sup>st</sup> FSSG Website** can be viewed at <http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/msc/1fssg/1FSSGHome.html>. If you click on the **Homecoming Flight Info** link, you will be able to find each unit's duty officer's phone number as well as return flight information when it is published.
- **Thank you** to the following who have made donations to the KVN or companies for the deployed Marines: **Julie Cantrell** for contacting CSSG-15's KVN about donating DVDs and players to Marines in Iraq. **Retired CWO5 George Clark** for the late 70's Mercedes Benz donated to PFC Tom Loy, 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, RMC. **Margo Grubie and the Quilt Guild** for 30 quilts for military families who are expecting or just had a baby. **Richard Zazutta** at Vons for a \$25 gift card. **MaryAnn Hillery** and **Operation Interdependence** for the Military Appreciation Day and coupon books.
- CSSG-15 has a new **Family Readiness Officer**. LtCol Robinson will now be the regimental Family Readiness Officer. Your Key Volunteer is still your primary contact but you may also contact LtCol Robinson at (760) 725-8397.

## A Note from the Key Volunteer Coordinator

# NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Welcome to CSSG-15's Key Volunteer Network. There have been some changes to 1<sup>st</sup> FSSG's command structure that affect CSSG-15's KVN structure as well. CSSG-15 is now a regiment with the other battalions and companies falling under CSSG-15's umbrella. In addition, RMC has returned to 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion. Please see page 3 for CSSG-15's organizational chart. To see 1<sup>st</sup> FSSG's organizational chart, please refer to the following website- <http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/msc/1fssg/flow%20chart.htm>.

In addition, there have been several changes of command. The following are CSSG-15's current commanding officers:

CSSG-15 Commanding Officer- Col Hudson  
CSSG-15 HQ Company Commanding Officer- Capt Garcia  
1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion Commanding Officer- LtCol Granata  
1<sup>st</sup> Supply Battalion Commanding Officer- LtCol Lloyd  
1<sup>st</sup> Medical Battalion Commanding Officer- Cdr Desimone  
CSSC-133 Commanding Officer- Maj Sides  
CSSC-134 Commanding Officer- Capt Perez

LtCol Robinson is the new regimental Family Readiness Officer and Christina Galvez is the regimental Key Volunteer Coordinator. In addition, Sergeant Major Taylor serves as the regimental Sergeant Major.

There will be a significant turnover during the summer. As existing KVs depart and new families arrive, this turnover will affect the KVN. If your KV is moving, you will be added to another KV's roster. If you do not have a KV yet and would like to be on a roster, you can notify your company KV, battalion KVC, regimental KVC or FRO. Phone numbers are listed on page 8.

The Key Volunteer Network is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a KV, please notify your corresponding KVC or you may contact me. All KVs must attend a simple training course to receive his or her certification. KVs maintain a phone roster and email distribution list to pass information to other families. KVs may also participate in any events the KVN or command may host such as family days, sign making parties and pre-deployment briefs. Personally, the KVN has been an extremely positive experience for me, and I encourage anyone to contact me if he or she would like to discuss participation in the network.

I look forward to meeting everyone at future events. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great summer!

## WELCOME CSSG-15 FAMILY!

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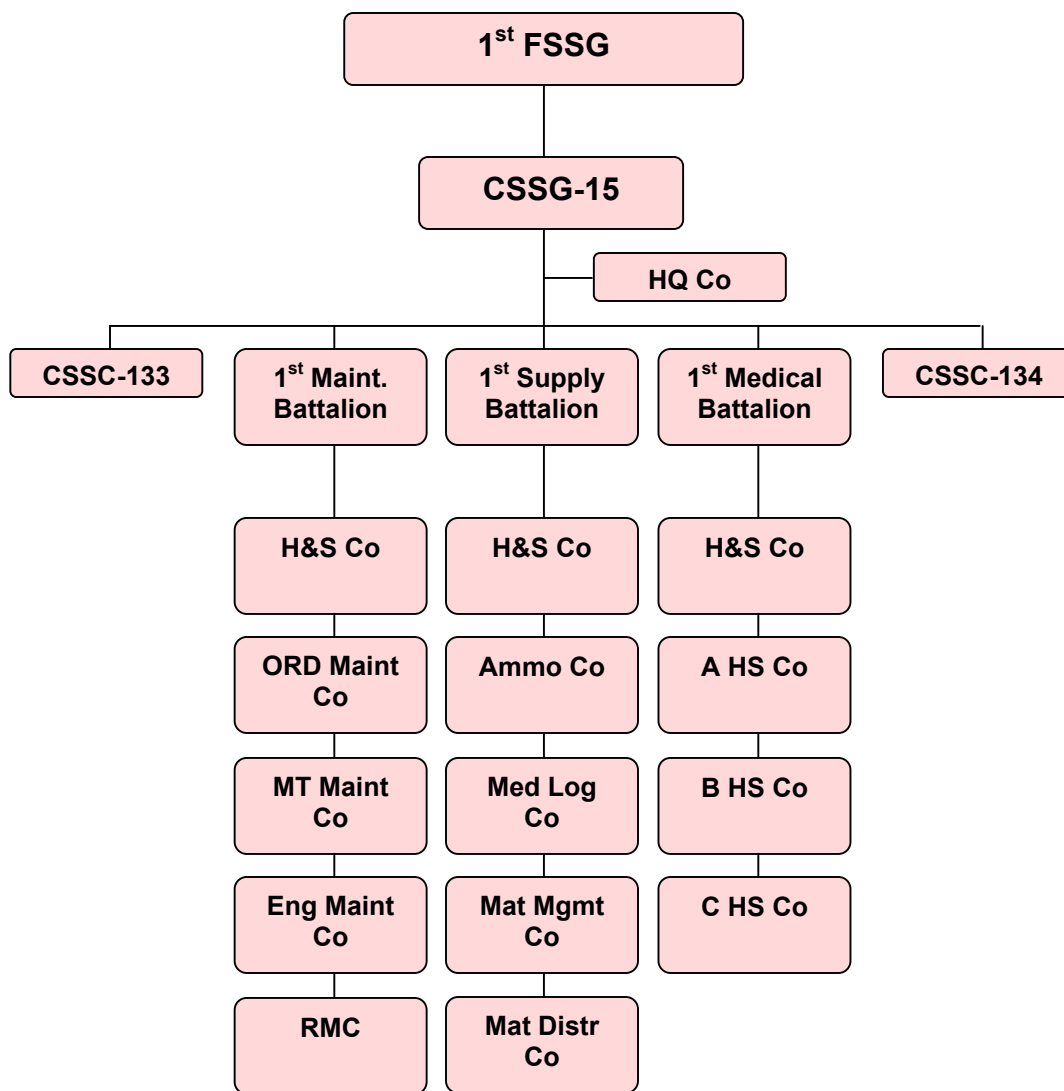
Marine and Sailors, we can expect that there will once again be another I MEF deployment in support of the Global War on Terror.

On a final note, we have a tremendous group of Key Volunteers that you will meet over the coming months. For any spouses who would like to serve as a Key Volunteer, we welcome your

support. Please contact your unit's Key Volunteer Coordinator. Key Volunteers are trained and ready to serve the families and are extremely valuable members of the CSSG 15 Family Readiness Team.

Cricket and I wish each of you in the CSSG 15 Family a wonderful summer.

# CSSG-15 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## A Note from 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion

## STRONGER MAINTENANCE BN

To the Family and friends of CSSG-15, truly is.

I'm Lieutenant Colonel Joe Granata and it is my privilege and honor to serve with your Marines and Sailors as the new Commanding Officer of 1st Maintenance Battalion. Although I'm new to Maintenance Battalion I have been a member of CSSG-15 for the last three years and know what an outstanding and accomplished organization CSSG-15

My wife, Rene', and I recognize and are grateful for the personal sacrifices that you make each day and even more so when we are deployed, answering our Nation's call. Your support from home is the anchor that provides stability and allows us to focus on accomplishing our

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## RESOURCES

### MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Thank you for all that you are doing for our country! At Military Outreach Ministries, we recognize the sacrifices that military families make for us. We appreciate you!

We would like to give a little bit back to show our appreciation. Military Outreach ministers to lower ranking enlisted men and women (E-1 through E-5) and military members under extraordinary circumstances. Physical needs are met with food, baby items, children's clothing, furniture, and transportation to essential appointments. The ministry also offers spiritual and emotional well-being of military families through home visits, activity classes (craft and Bible classes) with free child care. All items and services are provided at no cost.

Take advantage of Mom's Day Out! Once a month, MOM provides free daycare from 10am to 1pm.

Mothers/Fathers, use this time to run errands, clean house, get your hair done or curl up with a good book. Just call (760) 908-7043 to make a reservation. You will need to provide your name, your spouse's name and rank, child's name and age, and if there are any known allergies or special instructions.

### Emergency Needs.

Emergency supplies consist of food or baby supplies, as needed, on a one-time basis only. Subsequent request will be referred to other resources. Call (760) 908-7043 to request supplies and we will deliver them to your house. Should you run into financial difficulties there are personal budget professionals available within the Navy/ Marine Corps Relief Society.

And don't forget to check out our website, which is [www.militaryoutreach.org](http://www.militaryoutreach.org). You can find interesting and helpful information there, as well.



## RESOURCES

### NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

#### Baby Boot Camp

This class is a great way to learn everything you need to know to take care of your infant! Class includes everything from keeping baby safe, taking care of yourself as a parent, dealing with crying, bathing and caring for baby, and resources for families at Camp Pendleton. Call for information.

#### Our First Friends... Mommy and Me Support Group

Bring your baby and meet with others for a morning of social support, sharing, and fun! This group is for Mothers with a baby under 12 months. Held every Thursday at Abby Reinke Community Center. Call for times.

#### Play Morning

This is a "fantastic" way to get out of the house with the kids and have a GREAT time! Simple crafts, songs, toys, and camaraderie geared for families with children age 5 and younger. Held every Thursday at the Abby Reinke Community Center. 1st session is 9:00-10:30 AM. 2nd session is 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM.

#### Parenting Classes

This class discusses topics designed to make your life easier and help you raise healthy, cooperative children! Communication, discipline for the whole family, self-esteem, and much, much more! This class is taught over nine weeks. You may attend one class or all nine. Call for class dates and times.

#### Home Visitors

Meet one on one with a licensed registered nurse or clinical social worker in the comfort of your own home to learn more effective parenting techniques. Call to request services.

Call 725-3884 for more information about any of our programs!

## A Note from CSSC-133, MCAS Yuma, AZ

# CSSC-133 PERSEVERES

Summer is here in Yuma, Arizona...but it's actually going to be a cooling off period for us at the Marine Corps Air Station. For those that may not know me, I am Major Chuck Sides. My wife Deborah and I have been in Yuma with the CSSC-133 family for about a year now. It has been a busy spring. Between welcoming back our warriors redeploying from the "Gold Team" to supporting several exercises to train the next set of Marines deploying to Iraq—it has been non-stop. Although we will undergo a Commanding General's Inspection sometime this summer, July and August are a rest and recover time for our Sailors, Marines, and everyone in our Marine family. I'd like to encourage everyone to take advantage of this time of year when the kids are out of school and reconnect with family & friends; whether it's a trip back home or staying put and getting all of those things done around the house, now is the time. Remember, leave doesn't earn interest, so it doesn't do you any good to save it.

I'd like to also take a moment to highlight the Marines and Sailors of "133". No individual, the whole organization. We have been through a demanding time over the past several months. A large portion of us spent months serving our nation in Iraq, many for the second time. The rest of us remained behind and covered a busy schedule despite significant manning shortfalls. During this time we not only got the job done, but our



Marines & Sailors continued to step up beyond the call of duty and take on tasks other units at the Air Station were unable to accomplish. The true test of character and motivation doesn't come in the flash of a moment, but through perseverance over time. You have done this. You have done your job well, without hesitation, and without complaint. I know that this cannot happen without good leadership down at the NCO level, a sense of personal responsibility in all, and the backing of good families.

Finally, a big thanks you to Maggie Sperling. As our KVC, she has carried a lot of weight without much guidance and "been there" assisting and talking to many of our families as even her own husband was deployed. She's done a lot for us as a volunteer, feel free to send her a note of thanks or encouragement. Let's also continue to keep Sgt Eddie Montoya in mind, our remaining Marine still serving in Iraq. It's a pleasure serving with you, have a great summer.

## GET ON THE ROSTER!

The Key Volunteer Network is active throughout the year regardless of deployment status. Information passed during times of non-deployment includes job opportunities, giveaways, events, etc. The KVN will notify families of command family days and will send the newsletter via email. In addition, if you have questions on resources, your Key Volunteer can point you in the right direction. During times of deployment, the KVN will also pass any information received from the command such as updates and pictures of deployed Marines and Sailors

If you would like to be added to the KVN contact roster, email Christina Galvez at [Suvorov1@cox.net](mailto:Suvorov1@cox.net) and let her know which battalion your sponsor is with. If your network requires a consent form, Christina will email you one. The service member will need to complete the consent form and turn it in to his or her 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.

## STRONGER MAINTENANCE BN

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mission. We couldn't do it without you. Over the past couple years 1st Maintenance Battalion has endured several name changes but one thing hasn't changed, we are still the premier maintenance activity within the I Marine Expeditionary Force with a new supply capability that will make us even stronger and more effective than ever.

As we begin to prepare for another deployment in support of I MEF operations we will be reinvigorating our Key Volunteer Network (KVN) to ensure

you receive the best support possible. Many of you reaped the benefits of the KVN program during our recent deployments and may desire to share your experiences to enhance our program. You will be receiving an invitation to become a Key Volunteer from our Key Volunteer Advisor. Our strength and our success stems from our ability to come together in support of one another.

Rene' and I look forward to serving you. Have a great summer!

### **A Note from 1<sup>st</sup> Supply Battalion**

## **FAMILY; LINK TO OUR PAST; BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE**

Friends, families, Sailors and Marines, we are at a new beginning for 1st Supply Battalion and I am very proud to share it with you. Alex Haley once said that, "in every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future" and I believe that the bridge to our future is linked to the many spouses and children, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, and friends and loved ones that complete the 1st Supply Battalion family.

This is my first introduction to most of you and for those who I have yet to meet, my name is Lieutenant Colonel Todd Lloyd and I am the Commanding Officer of the newly reorganized 1st Supply Battalion. I started my Marine Corps career as a recruit at Paris Island and have been in the Corps for just over 23 years. Throughout, my wife Debra and our three daughters have been a part of the Marine Corp family. 1st Supply Battalion has a strong legacy built on a tradition of family. Debra and I look forward to sharing in this very important tradition with all of you.

1st Supply Battalion's reorganization required some of our personnel to split from the Battalion to help form what is now CSSG-15. Within 1st Supply Battalion there were more changes as

we officially retired the colors for Supply Company and established two companies in its place. 1st Supply Battalion now has five companies; Ammo Company led by Captain Armand Frappier; Medlog Company led by Lieutenant Commander Ed Sullivan; Headquarters and Services Company led by First Lieutenant Veronica Jacobs; Material Management Company led by Captain Terrell Giersch; and Materiel Distribution Company led by Major Tony Fabiano.

A critical part of our success as 1st Supply Battalion lies in the success of our KVN network. We are extremely grateful for all our volunteers. However, many have moved on to new duty stations or changed battalions as a result of our recent reorganization. As we reestablish our volunteer structure, I ask and encourage all 1st Supply Battalion spouses to learn more about the KVN program and become a member of our team.

Debra and I wish you all the best! We look forward to this tour of duty, and hope you do too, as we all embark on a challenging and rewarding time together as a unit and a family.

## **RESOURCES**

### **MCCS ONE SOURCE**

1-800-433-6868  
En Español 1-888-732-9020

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Whatever inspires you- whatever makes you feel alive- MCCS One Source can help. We offer advice, support, practical solutions, and online resources. Whether you're preparing for a new baby or preparing for retirement, getting organized or getting out of debt- no matter who you are- MCCS One Source is for you. No question is too small, no issue is too big. The service is pre-paid and confidential. And because you never know when you'll need us, we're here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Below are some of the topics MCCS One Source Covers.

#### **Life**

Work life balance, stress & overload, relationships, health & well-being, everyday issues, home improvements, pet care, lawn care, legal issues, living with a disability, divorce & separation, grief & loss, retirement planning

#### **Money**

Budgeting, getting out of debt, credit & collections, saving & investing, basic tax planning, home buying or renting, saving for college, paying for elder care

#### **Family**

Parenting, childcare, discipline & safety, pregnancy & infertility, adoption, teen communication, single parenting, blended families, K-12 education, college planning, senior health, caring for older relatives

#### **Work**

Preparing for deployment, returning from deployment, relocation, communication, job stress & burnout, career planning, traveling for work, education & training

**AND MORE...**

## RESOURCES

### NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

Mainside Location: Building  
1121, Phone Number (760)  
725-5337/ 5338  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00  
AM- 4:00 PM (except  
Thursday, closed at 2:30  
PM)

SOI Location: Building  
520512, Phone Number  
(760) 725-7497, (949) 492-  
1082  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30  
AM- 4:00 PM

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides assistance to active duty and retired Sailors and Marines. Assistance is usually given in the form of interest free loans for basic living expenses, emergency travel, medical and dental expenses and auto repair. Since the Society also helps with many other types of assistance, it is important to contact the office to request information regarding assistance. Remember, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society should be considered your first resource, not your last resort.

The Society also offers non-financial support such as information on pay and allowances, budget counseling and referrals to community services. Visiting nurses are available to assist with health education, new parent questions and prescription delivery. The "Budget for Baby" class, offered to expectant parents, provides information about the costs associated with a newborn.

The Society's funding is mainly from the generous contributions of Marines and Sailors who donate money during the annual fund drive to help "take care of their own." All donated funds are returned to fellow service members as relief services, none of the donated funds are used to pay operating costs of society.

Call for more details.

## A Note from CSSC-134, MCAS Miramar, CA

### CSSC-134'S VERSATILITY

The beach, the surf, the barbecues... Summer has arrived in sunny Miramar. My name is Captain Gabriel Perez and it is my honor to serve with your Marines and Sailors loved ones as their Commanding Officer. Although I've been here for one year now and have had several family functions, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous sacrifice and dedication to your spouses over the course of this year.

When I took command back in July of 2004, half the company deployed to Iraq augmenting different units. Your support and dedication to your spouses when they answered the call motivated their efforts. Your support and stability at home allows us to do our mission. I cannot do it without you. Thank You!

After your Marines returned from Iraq, the company rolled right into supporting WTI. Again, thank you for your support

and understanding. The exercise was a tremendous success. Recently, this unit underwent a Commanding General's Inspection where many of your spouses worked late preparing. Due to their diligence and your support once again, we were found Mission Capable.

I encourage your spouses to take the time to be with your families and to take leave. Leave should be taken throughout the summer and not accumulated. So, enjoy your summer and be safe because I need you and your spouses to accomplish our mission aboard MCAS Miramar.

Finally, thank you for everyone's versatility during this past year from the deployment, to WTI, and to the CGIP. Everyone's efforts and dedication has not gone unnoticed by the Regiment. You have done your job well. Keep up the good work. I enjoy serving with each of you and your spouse.

### ***Brief History of the United States Marine Corps***

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress passed a resolution stating, "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776.

Following the Revolutionary War, Marines saw action in the war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli." Marines participated in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812, as well as participating in the defense of Washington at Bladensburg, Maryland, and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the defeat of the British at New Orleans. The decades following the War of 1812 saw the Marines protecting American interests, in the Caribbean, at the Falkland Islands, Sumatra, and off the coast of West Africa.

During the Mexican War (1846-1848), Marines seized enemy seaports on both the Gulf and Pacific coasts. A battalion of Marines joined General Scott's army at Pueblo and fought all the way to the "Halls of Montezuma," Mexico City. Marines also served ashore and afloat in the Civil War (1861-1865). A battalion of Marines fought at Bull Run and other units saw action with the blockading squadrons and at Cape Hatteras, New Orleans, Charleston, and Fort Fisher. The last third of the 19th century saw Marines making numerous landings throughout the world, especially in the Orient and in the Caribbean area.

Following the Spanish-American War (1898), in which Marines performed with valor in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines, the Corps entered an era of expansion and professional development. It saw active service in the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902), the Boxer Rebellion in China (1900) and in numerous other nations, including Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba, Mexico, and Haiti.

In World War I the Marine Corps distinguished itself on the battlefields of France as the 4th Marine Brigade earned the title of "Devil Dogs" for heroic action during 1918 at Belleau Wood, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont, and in the final Meuse-Argonne offensive. Marine aviation, which dates from 1912, also played a part in the war effort, as Marine pilots flew day bomber missions over France and Belgium. More than 30,000 Marines had served in France.

During the two decades before World War II, the Marine Corps began to develop in earnest the doctrine, equipment, and organization needed for amphibious warfare. Its strength in World War II peaked at 485,113.

Landing at Inchon, Korea in September 1950, Marines proved that the doctrine of amphibious assault

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# 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION; A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

My Name is CDR Paul DeSimone and I have been the Commanding Officer for 1st Medical Battalion for 2 years. I have been in the Navy for 20 years and have served several tours with the Marine Corps to include assignments with all three active Force Service Support Groups. 1st Medical Battalion is a unique organization with in CSSG-15 in that it not only is comprised of over 500 Sailors and Marines in garrison, we are augmented by over 400 Navy Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Administrators, and Hospital Corpsmen from Navy Hospitals when we deploy. This uniqueness poses some interesting challenges for our Key Volunteers. During the past two years my wife Stephanie, the Battalion's Key Volunteer Advisor (KVA), and I have worked through many of these challenges and have had the privilege of working with some wonderful Key Volunteers that have seen the Battalion through two major deployments. We have a daughter, Allie who is three years old and is loving growing up in southern California.

The Battalions KV's have done a

tremendous job over the past two years supporting the Families of our deployed members through OIF-I, and both deployments during OIF-II. At this point the program is going through a transition period and one of our first priorities is recruiting new KV's. My first step in regrouping the program was naming Ms Lisa Izenberg as our Key Volunteer Coordinator; she is very energetic and her enthusiasm toward the KV program is infectious. She has been a KV with the Battalion for several years and we are fortunate to have her on our leadership team. Recently we have had four spouses of new joins to the BN indicate a desire to become part of our program and their KV classes are being scheduled; we are eager for them to get engaged with our families. The Battalion is planning a Family Day event for the beginning part of September. This will allow the newly joining families to arrive and get settled and provide an opportunity for us to meet all the new families and welcome them to the Battalion. I look forward to working with and meeting you over the next several months.

was still viable and necessary. After the recapture of Seoul, the Marines advanced to the Chosin Reservoir only to see the Chinese Communists enter the war. After years of offensives, counter-offensives, seemingly endless trench warfare, and occupation duty, the last Marine ground troops were withdrawn in March 1955.

In July 1958, a brigade-size force landed in Lebanon to restore order. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962, a large amphibious force was marshaled but not landed. In April 1965, a brigade of Marines landed in the Dominican Republic to protect Americans and evacuate those who wished to leave.

The landing of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Da Nang in 1965 marked the beginning of large-scale Marine involvement in Vietnam. In the spring of 1975, Marines evacuated embassy staffs, American citizens, and refugees in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Republic of Vietnam.

In August 1982, Marine units landed at Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the multi-national peacekeeping force. In October 1983, Marines took part in the intervention in Grenada. As the decade of the 1980s came to a close, Marines were summoned to respond to instability in Central America. Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama in December 1989 to protect American lives and restore the democratic process in that nation.

Between August 1990 and January 1991 Marines deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield. Operation Desert Storm was launched 16 January 1991. Subsequent operations took place in Liberia, Somalia, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Rwanda, Haiti, Kosovo, and several countries in Africa and Central America.

Soon after the September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., Marine units deployed to the Arabian Sea and in November set up a forward operating base in southern Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Today's Marine Corps stands ready to continue in the proud tradition of those who so valiantly fought and died at Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, and Khe Sanh. Combining a long and proud heritage of faithful service to the nation, with the resolve to face tomorrow's challenges will continue to keep the Marine Corps the "best of the best."

*-Taken from All American Patriots Website, January 2002*

## RESOURCES

### MARINE CORPS FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

Strong families make strong Marines and Sailors. To assist Marine and Navy families in becoming both strong and ready, MCFTB provides comprehensive training and support programs. These activities help prepare Marine Corps families for war and the demands that emotional and spiritual stress place on them.

Family readiness is not just a deployment issue. So MCFTB sees that strength and readiness must be a matter of central concern every moment of a Marine's career- no matter what his or her billet or career stage may happen to be.

MCFTB Programs Include:

PREP- Marriage preparation workshops, communications workshops

CREDO- Personal growth retreats, spiritual growth retreats, marriage enrichment retreats, one-day marriage enrichment seminars, teen growth retreats, unit team building

KVN- Key Volunteer basics & coordinator training, Family Readiness Officer training, KVN briefs (command team, recruiting, PME, etc.), KVN meetings

D&RS- Readiness briefs (family readiness, command team, PME, etc.), pre-deployment briefs, family readiness & deployment support, children's puppet show, return and reunion workshops, family day support

SLS- Spouse leadership seminar

Religious Development Center, Building 1344  
Admin. (760) 725-9052  
LINKS (760) 725-2335  
CREDO (760) 725-4954  
KVN (760) 725-6637  
Deployment & Readiness Support (760) 763-1337  
SLS (760) 725-1337  
PREP (760) 725-3610/0365